

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present patent application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-11 are pending in this application. Claims 10 and 11 have been withdrawn. Claims 1-9 stand as rejected. By this amendment, claims 4, 5, 7, and 9 have been amended and new claims 12-20 have been added.

Specification

The specification was objected to due to an informality in paragraph [0019]. The paragraph has been amended to correct the typographical error.

Claim Objections

Claim 7 is objected to because the phrase “the digit of a user” has no antecedent basis. The claim has been amended to recite “a digit of a user.”

Claim 9 is objected to because the phrase “where said engagement . . .” should read “wherein said engagement . . .” Claim 9 has been amended to replace “where” with “wherein.”

Claim Rejections- 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Luter, et al. (USPN 5,879,232).

Claim 1 recites, in part, “said housing defining a retainer which interacts with said hook whereby upon rotation of said frame in a first direction said hook engages said retainer and upon rotation of said frame in a second direction said hook disengages said retainer allowing disassembly of said screen system” Applicants respectfully submit that Luter fails to disclose each and every element of claim 1.

Luter, et al. discloses a housing 20 having spring clip retaining slots 50 for receiving springs clips 52 to attach a grille 16 to the housing. The spring clips 52 include legs that are squeezed together, inserted into the respective slots 50, and released. Inside the slot, the clips spread out to secure the grille to the housing. To disassemble the grille from the housing, the legs of the clips must again be squeezed together to be withdrawn from the respective slots (see

col. 7, lines 1-24). Thus, the grille does not engage a retainer when rotated in a first direction and disengage the retainer upon rotation in a second direction allowing disassembly. Rotating the grille relative to the housing does not allow the grille to be disassembled from the housing.

Thus, applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claim 1, and the claims the depend therefrom, is not supported by the art of record and should be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections- 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 3 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Luter et al. in view of Schiedegger et al. (USPN 5,791,985). Claims 3 and 6 depend from claim 1. Based on the arguments presented regarding the rejection of claim 1, applicants respectfully submit that claims 3 and 6 are patentable over the art of record at least by their dependency from claim 1.

New Claims

New claims 12-20 have been added. The new claims do not add any new matter and are patentable over the art of record. Claims 12-18 ultimately depend from claim 1 and are patentable at least for the reasons stated above regarding the rejection of claim 1. Claim 17 recites, in part, “the frame is rotatable between a first position and a second position relative to the housing, wherein in the first position the plurality of hooks engage the plurality of detents to secure the frame to the housing, and wherein in the second position the hooks are aligned with the gaps such that the frame may be separated from the housing.” Claim 20 recites, in part, “a means for releasably attaching the frame to the housing, wherein said means secures the frame to the housing when the frame is rotated to a first position relative to the housing, and the means releases the frame from the housing when the frame is rotated to a second position relative to the housing.” As presented in relation to the arguments for the rejection of claim 1, Luter et al. does not disclose rotating a frame relative to the housing to secure and release the frame relative to the housing.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant believes that all of the claims in this case are now in condition for allowance and an indication to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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